THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The following schemes for setting up of power projects in the State of Uttar Pradesh have been accorded Techno-economic clearance by Central Electricity authority (CEA):—

HYDRO

1. Vishunuprayag HEP (4 x 100 MW) (Private Sector)
2. Koteshwar HEP (4x 100 MW) (Central Sector)
3. Tehri Dam Stage-II HEP (4x250 MW) (Central Sector)
4. Maneri Bhali HEP Stage -II (4x76) MW (State Sector)

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5. Anpara C TPS (2 x2500 MW)(Private Sector)
6. Rosa TPP (2x283.5 MW) (Private Sector)
7. Auraiya CCGT Stage-II (650 MW) (Central Sector)
8. Riband STPP Stage-II (2x500 MW) (Central Sector)

In addition, two proposals namely, Srinagar HEP (4x82.5 MW) and Jawaharpur TPP (2 x400 MW) are under examination in CEA.

(b) Planning Commission gives approval to only State Sector projects whose proposed installed capacity exceeds 100 MW. No power project has been given investment approval by Planning Commission during the 9th Five Year Plan period. The Koteshwar Stage-II (4x100 MW) Hydro Electric Project was approved by the Cabinet in April, 2000.

(c) The Government closely monitors on-going projects through the Empowered Committee and various Task Forces which have been set up for this purpose. For private sector projects, the Government has constituted a Crisis Resolution Group to resolve the 'last mile' problems.

Sale of NTPCUnits

4078. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Move to sell off power plants will bring in much needed investments" as reported in the "Hindustan Times" dated 25th November, 1999;

(b) whether the move of Government to sell some of the units of NTPC is going to help private sector investment in power sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the value of the NTPC units to which Government propose to sell have been evaluated ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and procedure to be followed for the sale of units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In order to enable the Government to implement and accelerated power development programme, the Government is considering various options for mobilizing resources to supplement the funds likely to be provided in the plan and to leverage the strengths of different Central Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power. M/s. ICICI and SBI Companies were appointed as Consultants to suggest various options of raising resources for the Central PSUs to invest in accelearted power development programme. A final decision on the modality of leveraging the financial strength of different CPSUs covering various aspects like disinvestment, privatization, selling off etc. will be taken in consultation with Planning Commission and concerned Ministries.

Power Purchase Agreement between Government of Karnataka and Cogentrix

4079. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have asked Karnataka Government to revise the Power Purchase agreement with Cogentrix;

(b) whether the decision taken by the Cogentrix to withdraw their business from the country would have any adverse impact on power situation in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The conditions laid down for issue